



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.  
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS  
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES, STATE FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 GOVERNOR'S BUDGET (PRELIMINARY), v1.0

**PURPOSE**

This information notice transmits the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Governor's Budget (Preliminary) Allocation to County Behavioral Health Program Directors and County Drug and Alcohol Administrators for informational and planning purposes, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11814. This proposed allocation of funds is contingent upon enactment of the FY 2019-20 Budget Act and federal appropriations. After the FY 2019-20 Budget is enacted, a final notice will be sent to reflect any adjustments.

This notice includes four exhibits:

(A) Overview of Programs, Funding, and Allocation Methodologies

Exhibit A explains the budget authority for State General Funds appropriated for the Drug Medi-Cal program. The exhibit also describes the allocation methodologies and the permitted uses of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) funds administered by the Substance Use Disorder Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

(B) Statewide Allocation Summary of SABG Funds

Exhibit B displays the SABG total statewide allocations from DHCS for substance use disorder prevention and treatment service programs.

(C) SABG Exchange Program

Exhibit C provides a description of the SABG Exchange Program, which allows small counties (less than 40,000) to exchange SABG Perinatal and SABG Adolescent and Youth Treatment allocations for SABG Discretionary funds.

(D) Funding Periods for SABG

Exhibit D illustrates the overlapping spending periods for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2019 and FFY 2020 SABG allocations covered by this information notice.

## **DISCUSSION**

For the preliminary SABG allocation, DHCS presumes the FFY 2020 award will be approved at the level equal to the FFY 2019 award. For FY 2019-20, SABG local assistance funds to be allocated to counties total \$231,404,353. After DHCS receives the FFY 2020 Notice of Award, a final notice will be published to reflect any adjustments.

Also starting in FY 2018-19 are new SABG reporting and payment requirements, effective January 1, 2019. These new requirements are detailed in county SABG contracts and in [MHSUDS Information Notice 18-057](#). SABG payments will now be based on actual expenses for a quarter, and counties will need to submit supporting detail for the Quarterly Federal Financial Management Report (QFFMR). QFFMRs are still due 60 days after each state fiscal year quarter.

Questions concerning this notice and its exhibits should be directed to Elsa Murphy, Section Chief, Fiscal Management, and Accountability Section, at (916) 713-8594 or [Elsa.Murphy@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Elsa.Murphy@dhcs.ca.gov).

Additional copies of this notice and its exhibits may be downloaded from the [DHCS website](#).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Brenda Grealish, Acting Deputy Director  
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Services